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GROWING DEMAND FOR AMERICAN GRAPEFRUIT IN ENGLAND

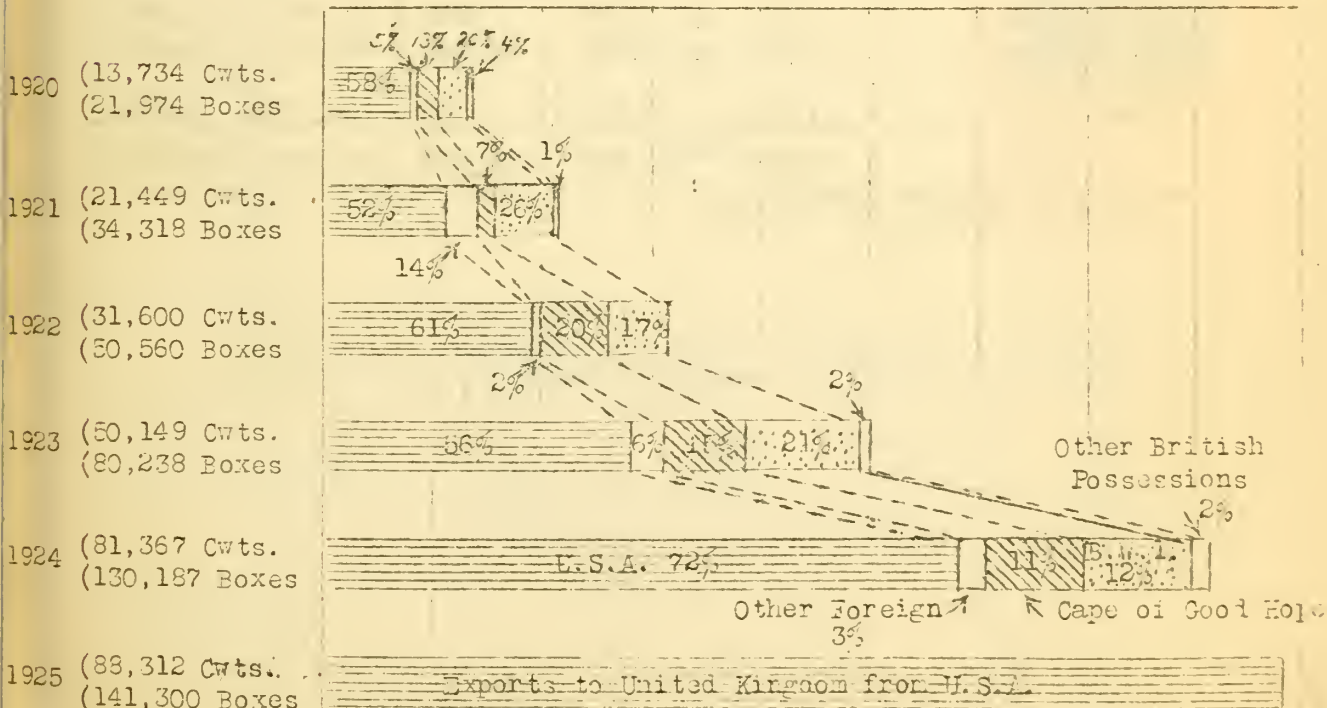
The British public is developing a real liking for American grapefruit and despite its price there seems no doubt that the demand will continue to increase, according to a report received in the Department of Agriculture from K. A. Egerton, American Consular Clerk at London. British imports of grapefruit from the United States during 1924 were more than double those in 1923, and 1925 imports, judging from United States export figures, should prove to be nearly treble those in 1924. Exports from the United States to British markets during 1925 amounted to 141,300 boxes valued at \$349,901 as compared with 47,720 boxes valued at \$188,056 during 1924.

British import figures for 1923 and 1924, as shown on the accompanying chart, should be discounted by about a third, as probably a third of the imports in those years shown as from the United State consisted of Isle of Pines fruit shipped via New York. Allowance for this fact brings out clearly the increase in 1925 American shipments to the British market.

IMPORTS OF GRAPEFRUIT INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Cwts.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90



Consumption of all grapefruit in the United Kingdom, increased about 63 per cent in 1924 compared with that for 1923, total imports having amounted to 81,000 cwts. (30,000 boxes of 70 pounds each net weight) as against 50,000 cwts. (80,000 boxes) the year before. The increase in imports was accounted for almost entirely by fruit from the United States, this country being listed as supplying 56 per cent of the total in 1923 and 72 per cent of the total in 1924. While the Isle of Pines supplied some of this fruit the increase was from larger shipments of the American grown product. The British West Indies and South African were practically the only other countries from which grapefruit was imported and the quantities were relatively small.

GRAPEFRUIT: Imports into the United Kingdom, 1920 - 1924.

Country	Calendar Year				
	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Boxes</u>
Cape of Good Hope	2,918	2,401	9,973	12,477	14,534
British West Indies:	4,502	8,770	8,854	17,037	15,787
Other British Possessions.....	677	293	243	1,202	2,158
United States.....	12,821	17,923	30,690	45,105	93,690
Other Foreign Countries,.....	1,056	4,931	800	4,417	4,018
Total	21,974	34,318	50,560	80,238	130,187
Boxes of 70 lbs. net weight					